

SENATE BILL 3533

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 4, relative to the issuance of a Gold Star  
Family special license plate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(4)(G), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(G) Gold Star Family; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(b)(7), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(7) Gold Star Family; and

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-288, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The department, or any other department or agency of the state having jurisdiction, shall provide and issue, free of charge, to each eligible person in the state whose spouse, parent, sibling, or child served and died in the line of duty in the armed forces of the United States or its allies, or died as a result of injuries sustained in such service, upon presentation of proper application, a "Gold Star Family" memorial registration plate for no more than one (1) motor vehicle or motor home; provided, that such vehicle or motor home is registered or leased for private use in the name of any one (1) recipient. For purposes of this section, "private use" vehicle means any motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c), or motor home that is not used for rehire or for any other commercial purpose.

(b) The "Gold Star Family" plate provided for in this section shall include an identification legend distinctive to Gold Star Families. The legend shall read "Gold Star Family". The

registration number of the plate shall include the letters "GS" and a unique identifying number. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the department of veterans affairs.

(c) Eligibility for "Gold Star Family" plates shall be determined by the department by consulting appropriate documentation from the department of veterans affairs.

(d) Additional license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, plus the payment of a fee equal to the cost of actually producing the plate.

(e) Nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting the legal display of a "Gold Star Mothers" memorial license plate issued or renewed prior to the effective date of this act as evidence of registration, or the renewal of any such plate for such purpose.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.